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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS ANTILLES REVERSE PREFERENCES

1. GON SUBMITTED, ON BEHALF OF GONA, NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL OF SECTION D CONCESSIONS TO GATT SECRETARIAT LAST SEPTEMBER. IN REPORTING COMPLETION OF THIS ACTION TO GONA, GON POINTED OUT THAT UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS WITHOUT NEGOTIATION IS TANTAMOUNT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM GATT. GONA QUICKLY RESPONDED THAT THEY NEVER SAID THEY WERE UNWILLING TO NEGOTIATE BUT WOULD INSIST ON FULL RECIPROCITY FOR ANY CONCESSIONS.

2. SINCE GATT CANVASS ON U. S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 22 NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW TWO- LINE GONA TARIFF INTRODUCED A YEAR AGO YIELDED NO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ANY CP, GON QUIETLY AGREED WITH SYG LONG TO WITHHOLD DISTRIBUTION OF WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION TO PERMIT " COOLING OFF" PERIOD. GONA HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS ACTION
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AND PRESUMABLY ASSUMES IT IS NOW FREE TO INCREASE BOUND DUTIES AT WILL.

3. GON IS EMBARRASSED BY THIS BREACH OF FAITH WITH REALM PARTNER BUT PREFERS TO LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE AS LONG AS U. S. IS SATISFIED THAT TARIFF INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS MADE WHEN GONA SHIFTED FROM OLD TARIFF TO PRESENT ONE ARE ROUGHLY OFFSETTING. GON RECOGNIZES OF COURSE THAT WE MAY WANT TO PURSUE REVERSE PREFERENCES FEATURE OF NEW TARIFF BUT HOPES THIS WILL BE SUBSUMED IN MTN.

4. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO OUR RELATIONS WITH MINECON THAT GONA NOT LEARN THROUGH U. S. SOURCE THAT THEIR WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION WAS NEVER CIRCULATED TO CP' S. MIDDENDORF

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